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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Improvement in URPICs

1. Present: Colonel Winterbottom, AFCIN; Lt. Col. Kemp, AFCIN; Mr. Sherman, [REDACTED]

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2. The undersigned convened the above group in pursuance of an agreement with Colonel May that, in view of the Air Force's decision to retain control and responsibility of the URPICs, the two agencies -- Air Force and CIA -- should explore aggressively what could be done to improve the URPICs. The undersigned explained that although TALENT materials were not initially planned to meet tactical needs of critical situations throughout the world, history had shown that TALENT materials could be extremely useful. Both General Cabell and Mr. Bissell had concurred in the thesis that we must assume that the URPICs will be required in the future and that TALENT materials handled in them for tactical purposes should also have the quality so as to permit exploitation for strategic purposes.

3. The undersigned pointed out that as he saw the matter, there were, at present, no jurisdictional problems and that both agencies desired to effect such improvements as were feasible. A major difficulty faced by AFCIN in effecting improvements was its inability to command a priority position for equipment and materials commensurate with the need. In the discussion, five major problem areas were identified and action assignments were agreed upon as indicated below:

a. EH6 Processor

Spare parts for the A9s now used in URPICs are no longer available. The Air Force is committed to the use of the EH6 which processors are now available at URPIC-W and URPIC-Y but not usable for thin-base film without modification. Principally, the modifications required are in the rollers and the tension.

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ACTION: [] to obtain necessary CHALICE clearances at Huston-Fearless to permit adaptation of the EH6 to accept thin-based film. As soon as he has these clearances, he will alert [] to permit a visit by these two parties, or their representatives, to Huston-Fearless to discuss the modifications required and to obtain a cost estimate.

[] to explore, with the necessary fiscal and priority authorities connected with the project in the Air Force, to see what arrangement could be made to obtain CHALICE priorities in Air Force procurement. (Same point to be explored with regard to equipment necessary to quality control. See Item "C" below.)

b. URPIC Quarters

Inadequate quarters exist at URPIC-W with no known plans for major correction. Plans have existed since October 1958, at least, for establishment for adequate quarters at Y, but nothing has been done for lack of funding.

ACTION: Colonel Kemp to examine what action AFCIN might take, at sufficiently high level, to get the theaters in each case to move rapidly to provide adequate quarters.

c. Quality Control

Equipment required and procedures to be utilized to obtain quality control at the URPICs are known. The problems are to procure the equipment, install it, adequately indoctrinate the personnel and provide sufficient discipline in administration to get the procedures carried out.

ACTION: [] to prepare the list of equipment required, [] to explore use of priorities as in "A" above. [] to consult with Colonel Kemp and [] as necessary in regard to equipment for quality control and likewise the three to consult in regard to procedures.

d. Personnel

Discussion on this subject inconclusive at this time, but will be discussed at our next meeting.

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c. PI Equipment

Colonel Kemp indicated items which would give
URPIC PIs more modern capability.

ACTION: Colonel Kemp to list equipments required
at the URPICs and equipments delivered.

4. It was agreed to reconvene in the office of the undersigned
on Monday 2 November at 10:30 a.m. to review the status of the actions
outlined above and to determine what action should be next taken.

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JAMES Q. REBER
Chairman

Ad Hoc Requirements Committee

Colonel Winterbottom, AFCIN (cy 2)
Lt. Colonel Kemp, AFCIN (cy 3)

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